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TITLE OF INVENTION: NON-REFILLABLE VALVE

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Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit these Comments to the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance in the above-referenced case. In the Reasons for Allowance mailed on August 4, 2004, the Examiner stated "[t]he primary reason for the allowance of the claims is a concentrically oriented protrusion intersecting/adjacent the transverse passageway in combination with a valve that allows selective filling and discharge of a container with a valve core independently moveable in a chamber of a valve stem." Applicants believe that other reasons for allowing the claims exist because other patentable elements can be found in the claims. In addition, it is noted that Claim 22, per the Examiner's amendment, reads in part, "adjacent the protrusion". The term "intersecting/adjacent" is not in Claim 22, nor in any of the allowed claims. Therefore, the claims do not necessarily rely on the reasons for allowance as cited by the Examiner for finding patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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